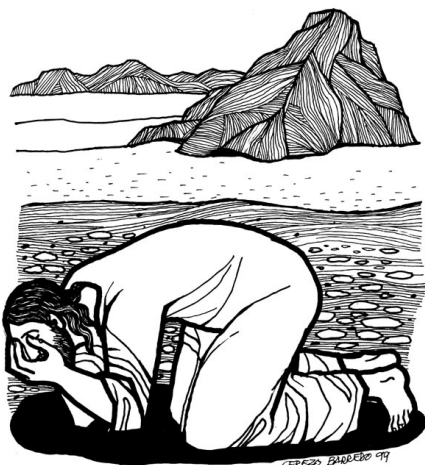


# *First Sunday of Lent Bulletin for 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024*



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## *First Sunday of Lent*

• [Genesis 9:8-15](#) • [Psalm 25](#) • [1 Peter 3:18-22](#) • [Mark 1:12-15](#) •

Can you imagine the excitement that Jesus must have generated as he began healing people, performing works of wonder, and preaching the good news of the kingdom? Can you picture the hope and expectation evident in the faces of the people who flocked to him? Maybe the time really had been “fulfilled.” Maybe the kingdom really was “at hand” (Mark 1:15).

It certainly was a dramatic way for Jesus to begin his ministry. But today, on the First Sunday of Lent, the Lord reminds us that this exciting new beginning came at the end of something not quite so exciting. Just before he burst on the scene, Jesus had endured a grueling forty-day fast and a host of demonic temptations.

This sequence of events wasn't just a coincidence. It was that very fast that helped launch the new kingdom Jesus was announcing. By staying faithful to his Father throughout this ordeal, Jesus began his work of disarming the devil. As the first man who didn't bend to temptation, he reversed the sin of Adam and opened a path for us to follow. Beginning with his time in the wilderness, Jesus demonstrated that his kingdom was indeed at hand—and that the devil's reign was coming to a decisive end.

As your own Lenten journey unfolds this year, keep the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness close to your heart. Especially when life gets hard or temptations arise, remind yourself that every desert experience can result in new life as you try your best to stay faithful to the Lord. Even if you fall, remember that you can stand up again and keep moving forward because of Jesus' triumph over the devil. Sin no longer has the final word in your life; Jesus, your Redeemer, does! *the Word among us, Feb 2024*

*“My friend, dwell on the patience of our Lord!”*

*St. John Vianney*

## *Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity*



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us. Visit [devp.org/membership](http://devp.org/membership).

## *Weekly Meditations – First Sunday of Lent*

“We are continually immersed in God's merciful grace like the air that permeates us. ...

Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks.”

*Blessed Solanus Casey O.F.M. Cap*



*Happy BC Family Day*

# Mass Times

## Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

## Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday 6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am

## Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church

Bible Study Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm– all welcome

Holy Hour & Confessions Fridays 6:30-7:30pm– all welcome

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux  
Cell: 778-257-4203**

## MASS LECTORS



### Our Lady of the Mountains

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** Priscilla

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** Rebecca

### St. Christopher's

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** Volunteer

### St. Francis of Assisi

**Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** Michael

Marcus

## Adult Faith Formation - Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Are you waiting to be baptized or confirmed?

Join Fr. Andrew's catechism classes on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** for **adults** wishing to be baptized into the Catholic faith, or furthering their faith through confirmation. Contact Fr. Andrew: 778-257-4203, or: [alheureux@rcdk.org](mailto:alheureux@rcdk.org)



## Online Lent Resource Programs

Lent prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. Forty days of closer attention to God's Word and more fervent prayer show the way.

- [https://wau.org/resources/article/a\\_peek\\_into\\_lents\\_possibilities/](https://wau.org/resources/article/a_peek_into_lents_possibilities/)
- <https://hallow.com>
- <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>
- <https://praymoreretreat.org>

### Collect 2023 Tax Receipts

2023 tax receipts are available for pick up from the church foyer. As these are **private and confidential**, please **only take your own personal receipt. Thank you.**

### † Blessed are those who died in the Lord †

Isobel MacLaurin, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Funeral Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1:00pm, Our Lady of the Mountains

**“May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

*Eternal God, have mercy on all who are buried. Bring them into your kingdom of light and peace, let them share joy with you for ever. Amen*

## Lenten Sisterhood and Brotherhood Groups

Join our Lenten Brotherhood and Sisterhood groups to make your Lenten journey more engaging; increase your fellowship and accountability to grow in holiness. Cut out distractions in your life and give more time to rest in God. Distractions rob our life and rest in God restores our life. Meet once a week to share the good, the hard and the insights we gained from listening to God. Then close with prayer. Contact Fr. Andrew or sign up on the parish noticeboard.



## Let your Speech Always be Gracious – Social Media “Technology Sabbath”

The Canadian Catholic Bishops echo Pope Francis' message for Catholics on social media to “pause and reflect – both individually and communally – on their engagement with social media and on how they might be part of the larger effort to claim the ‘digital continent’ for Christ”. Archbishop Miller welcomes the proposed “technology Sabbath”, saying a balance between “digital engagement with real-life interactions and spiritual reflection” is vital for nurturing spiritual life and cultivating “genuine relationships” within communities.



### Office Hours

**Tuesday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm**  
**In important or urgent matters, call:**  
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### Donations / New Church Pledge Form

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